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1. RE DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11 ON BELGIAN
1091(B) PROPOSAL, USDEL MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING:

A) USG IS CONTINUING TO GIVE BELGIAN PROPOSAL CONSIDERA-
TION AND STUDY. OUR RESPONSE HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO
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(I) DESIRE TO BE AS COMPREHENSIVE AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE
SCOPE OF A COUNTERPROPOSAL TO PROPOSAL IN COCOM DOC.
DEF (77) 1091/48 AND (II) DIFFICULTY IN SEPARATING
RESPONSE TO BELGIANS FROM LARGER CONTEXT OF 1091/1500 NI
ISSUES CONSIDERED AS PART OF OUR ONGOING PREPARATIONS TO
ADDRESS ISSUE IN DEPTH DURING LIST REVIEW.

B) USG HOPES THAT OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE AT THIS TIME WILL NOT INHIBIT OTHER PCS FROM PRESENTING EXCEPTIONS CASES FOR MACHINES WHICH WOULD BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL. AS INDICATED DURING PRIOR CONSIDERATION (PER REF (B), PARA 1,C), USG REMAINS WILLING TO ACCORD ACCELERATED CONSIDERATION TO SPECIFIC CASES.

2. FYI: USDEL SHOULD AVOID COMMITTING USG TO RESPOND TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF LIST REVIEW CONTEXT.

3. FYI: OUR RESPONSE IS HOSTAGE TO RESOLUTION OF INTER-AGENCY DIFFERENCES ON STRATEGY FOR HANDLING VARIOUS MACHINE TOOL ISSUES SUCH AS "HARD-WIRED" VS "SOFT-WIRED" AND TWO-AXIS VS THREE-AXIS. WHETHER WE CAN SHOULD BECOME CLEARER THIS WEEK. OF COURSE, IF WE ARE UNABLE TO AGREE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE BELGIANS WE WOULD PROBABLY SEEK TO AVOID RESPONDING TO EXCEPT IN THE LIST REVIEW CONTEXT. VANCE

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